

In The Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for flavoring an ingestible composition which comprises admixing an ingestible vehicle with an organoleptically effective amount of ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate represented by the formula, $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, provided that the ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate is not part of a naturally occurring mixture of compounds or part of a synthetic mixture of compounds which is the same as the naturally occurring mixture of compounds.

2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.001% to about 1%, by weight.

3. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.1% to about 0.50%, by weight.

4. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a beverage product.

5. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a confectionery composition.

6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ingestible composition is a chewing gum.

7. (currently amended) An ingestible composition comprising:
(i) an ingestible vehicle; and
(ii) an organoleptically effective amount of ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate represented by the formula, $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, provided that the ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate is not part of a naturally occurring mixture of compounds or part of a synthetic mixture of compounds which is the same as the naturally occurring mixture of compounds.

8. (original) The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.001 % to about 1 %, by weight.

9. (original) The ingestible composition according to claim 8, wherein ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate is present in the ingestible composition in an amount from about 0.1 % to about 0.50 %, by weight.

10. (original) The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a beverage product.

11. (original) The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a confectionery composition.

12. (original) The ingestible composition according to claim 7, wherein the ingestible composition is a chewing gum.

13. (currently amended) Ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate represented by the formula, $\text{CH}_3\text{COS}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_3$, provided that the ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate is not part of a naturally occurring mixture of compounds or part of a synthetic mixture of compounds which is the same as the naturally occurring mixture of compounds.

14. (original) A method for preparing ethyl 4-(thioacetoxyl)butyrate which comprises reacting ethyl 4-chlorobutyrate with potassium thioacetate.